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Lake Country given unique ceramics collection

Lake Country has become the new home of a ceramics collection that, according to curator Dan Bruce, “would be the envy of any museum in the province.”

The collection of aboriginal ceramic pottery from Arizona and Mexico was presented to the Lake Country Museum by collectors Randy Nagel and Shirley Galenkamp.

Nagel has spent some 30 years acquiring the collection. Perhaps fittingly, Dan Bruce was involved at the start. “Dan invited me to come to Mexico on an artifact-gathering trip,” Nagel told the small crowd assembled at the Museum. “I saw the first potsherds lying around, and I was hooked.”

His collection began in Mexico, he said, “and moved up into the Hopi cultures of Arizona.”

“I almost cannot believe that our relatively small community is getting such a superb collection,” Bruce commented. “It is by far the most significant collection that this Museum has ever been given.”

Nagel is “a Lake Country boy from years back.” Galenkamp used to work at the former Okanagan College.

Along with the ceramics, a few of which were on display at the Museum’s special presentation last November, Shirley Galenkamp has been collecting rare jewelry of turquoise, jade, and other minerals. It too will be donated to the Lake Country Museum, she promised the group.

By Jim Taylor



Randy with piece of aboriginal pottery

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Welcome to our Summer Students!

Visitors to the Lake Country Museum this summer will be met by our smiling and knowledgeable summer students, Nikki and Traci.

Nikki Marchand is back for her fourth summer at the museum, working as Assistant Curator. Traci Dirom, Assistant Archivist, is here for her first year.



Traci and Nikki

Museum Grants

The Lake Country Heritage and Cultural Society is excited to announce that the Museum has been awarded funding to complete two separate, major projects in 2011-2012.

The Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) has awarded exhibition development funding and software to the Lake Country Museum to develop an online exhibition for the Virtual Museum of Canada. *The Japanese Canadian Pioneers of Lake Country* will tell the story of the first Japanese Canadian pioneers of our community and their experiences during the period from 1899 to pre-World War II (1939).

The Virtual Museum of Canada presents online exhibitions from museums across Canada, exploring the country's rich history and culture through exhibits and interactive learning re-

sources. Local history exhibitions capture exciting Canadian community memories, drawn from the collections of small museums and local memories and treasures.

The Lake Country Museum has also received funding through the prestigious Irving K. Barber Learning Centre's British Columbia History Digitization Program, administered through the University of British Columbia Archives.

Over the next year, the Museum will digitize forty-seven original manuscripts which describe various aspects of Lake Country's history from the late 1800s to the 1950s. The manuscripts will be accompanied by previously digitized archival photographs and will be available to the public at no charge through the museum's website. They will use text-searchable software to allow people to easily research Lake Country's history by topic and name.

Dr. Maurice Williams of the University of BC – Okanagan History Department expresses his support, *“The digitization of these manuscripts will be of significant value to local residents, researchers, and historians studying the development and growth of the Lake Country community. ... The opportunity for our students to access primary material on line greatly speeds up and expands the horizons of their work. ... (and) will greatly expand the resources available to those interested in examining the ‘past’ of the ever growing Okanagan Valley.”*

By Shannon Jorgenson



AGM

The Museum’s Annual General Meeting was held April 26, 2011. The following are Directors for the coming year:

Lynne Blake, Secretary

Rosemary Carter

Eleanor Geen

Rich Gibbons, Past President

Bob Hayes

Anne Land

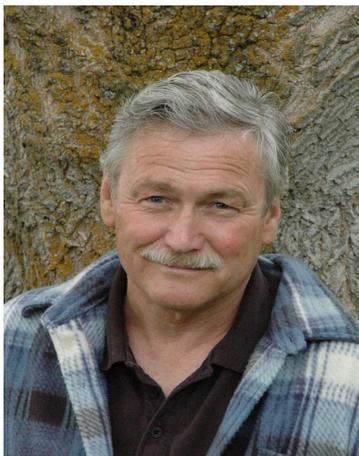
Sonja MacCrimmon, Archivist

Carol Thomson

Duane Thomson, President

The guest speaker was Peter Grauer, local author and historian. Peter gave a fascinating presentation on the making of his book “Interred With Their Bones” as well as his research for his next book.

“Interred With Their Bones” is the story of Bill Miner, the notorious American outlaw, “who only spent four years in British Columbia but he had quite the effect on cultural mythology which is still with us today.” It is a fascinating read and there is a copy of Peter’s book at the museum.



Peter Grauer, author

Watch for Peter Grauer’s article in our next newsletter!

Patio Cafe



Come and meet Sharon Brooks, the new operator of the Patio Café. She has quite a menu and even serves breakfast, so be sure to enjoy some of her creations.



CentrePiece
Sunday
August 28, 2011

The Snow Melts and Lake Country Awakens

As the seasons change and the warmer months arrive, Lake Country residents welcome the thought of being outside in “God’s Country”. This attitude is apparent while I looked through the files at the Lake Country Museum and they sparked my interest in the different clubs and activities. The June display at the Municipal Hall presents only a few of the Clubs and activities of Lake Country which has a positive impact on people of all ages. The Ocoela Fish and Game Club was voted “Kelowna’s most environmental dedicated group” in 2007. The Garden Club of Lake Country, which is known for their beautiful Garden Tours, encourages people to develop their “green thumbs”. Lake Country Horseshoe Club has displayed exemplary skills throughout the years at many tournaments. The club has long standing members while encouraging “juniors” to join. The Open Air Performances are another great way to get outside and enjoy the talents of the community. Free music concerts take place at Lake Country parks throughout the summer and is yet another activity in which the entire family can enjoy! The Okanagan Hillclimb took place up Camp Road from 1962-1965 and is a great example of how the community enjoyed the thrill of outdoor activities. At one point, the Hillclimb had approximately 5000 spectators which explains why this venue has now moved to Knox Mountain.

By Nikki Marchand (Summer Student/Assistant Curator)



Display at Municipal Hall

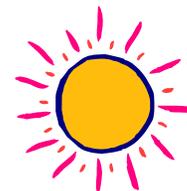
A look at clubs and activities in Lake Country

Our Volunteers

The Lake Country Heritage and Cultural Society (Museum) could not operate without our volunteers. They spend many hours recording Lake Country’s history for the community. We appreciate our many volunteers and say a big **thank you!**

- Ruby Buick
- Margaret Carruthers
- Glen Gibbons
- Karen Gibbons
- Rich Gibbons
- Sandi Harder
- Kayla Keber
- Sharon Laing
- Anne Land
- Harvey Leamont
- Monica McArthur
- Petrina McNeill
- Vickey Mullholand
- Ann Nott
- Jim Taylor

For volunteer opportunities please contact the museum manager, Shannon Jorgenson at 250 766-0111



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